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STATUTES FOR THE BESTOWAL OF THE BRUCE MEDAL OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC.

I. A medal is founded by Miss CATHERINE WOLFE BRUCE, of New York, to be given, not oftener than once a year, for distinguished services to astronomy. The medal is international in character, and it may be awarded to a citizen of any country, and to a person of either sex.

II. The cost of the medal is to be met from the interest of the *Bruce Medal Fund* of $2500. The capital of this fund is not to be impaired. Unexpended interest is to be added to the capital to become an integral part thereof.

III. The medal is to be of gold. The *obverse* is to bear the Seal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The *reverse* is to bear an inscription as follows: THIS MEDAL, FOUNDED A. D. MDCCCXCVII, BY CATHERINE WOLFE BRUCE, IS PRESENTED TO..... FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES TO ASTRONOMY..... (date in years).

IV. The Bruce Medal is not to be given twice to the same individual.

V. On the first of September of every year one of the Secretaries of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific is to address an official letter to the Director of each of the following Observatories, namely:—

The Harvard College Observatory,	The Observatory of Paris,
The Lick Observatory,	The Observatory of Greenwich,
The Yerkes Observatory,	The Observatory of Berlin,

enclosing the statutes relating to the Bruce Medal, and requesting each of the six Directors just named to nominate not to exceed three Astronomers worthy to receive the medal for the ensuing year.

The replies of the said Directors are not to be communicated by the Secretary to any person until the first of November, when a list containing the names of the Astronomers so nominated is to be certified, in writing, by the Secretary, to each of the eleven Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific; and a special meeting of the Directors called for the last Saturday in November, at 2 P. M. At that meeting these Statutes are to be read; and the original letters from the Directors of the Observa-

tories are to be submitted by the Secretary, and afterwards sealed in an envelope and deposited in the archives of the Society, not thereafter to be opened except by a formal resolution of the Directors, passed at a regular meeting. All such letters and nominations are to be regarded as confidential by all who are knowing to them.

VI. The Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, at the special meeting aforesaid, may vote in person or by written proxy.

The medal is not to be awarded unless the votes of at least six Directors are cast at this meeting. It may be awarded to any individual named in the list certified by the Secretary by the consenting votes of six Directors; or, the consenting votes of six Directors may order that no award shall be made for the ensuing year.

The award of the medal, if made, is to be for the calendar year commencing with the January after the meeting at which the award is made; and on January 1st one of the Secretaries of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific is to officially notify the recipient of the award, and on receiving a letter of acceptance, is to transmit the medal, engraved with name and year. The name of the recipient of the medal is not to be made public until after the receipt of a letter of acceptance.

The President of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, in his address at the annual meeting of the Society in March is to announce the award and the reasons for making it.

VII. It is competent for the eleven Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, by a unanimous vote, and not otherwise, to substitute for any one of the Observatories named in Article V some other Observatory. It is desirable, though not essential, that three of the Observatories aforesaid shall be American and three Foreign.

Not more than one such substitution is to be made in any single calendar year.